

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 10

January 22, 2023

SUMMARY OF BILL: Establishes that the offense of criminal abortion does not include an abortion that was necessary due to a medical emergency affecting the physical or mental health of the pregnant person or performed on a patient whose pregnancy was the result of: aggravated rape; rape; rape of a child; especially aggravated rape; especially aggravated rape of a child; or incest. Requires the physician performing the abortion to verify that the patient reported the rape or incest offense to the appropriate law enforcement agency prior to the procedure.

FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Any necessary rule changes by boards under the Division of Health-Related Boards can be accommodated within the appropriate board's regularly-scheduled meetings at no additional cost.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 39-15-213(b), criminal abortion is a Class C felony.
- Establishing that the offense of criminal abortion does not include an abortion that was necessary due to a medical emergency or a pregnancy that was the result of rape or incest will not result in a sufficient change in the number of prosecutions for state or local government to experience any significant change in revenue or expenditures.
- Any impact to the court system as a result of the proposed legislation is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner".

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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